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Sir:

In response to the Office Action issued on August 1, 2005 with respect to the above-identified pending patent application, please enter the following amendment and response. Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2. The Remarks, including a summary of the Examiner's Interview of December 13, 2005 begin on page 8. A Petition for a Two Month Extension of Time is set forth on page 14.

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